



SHORT NEWS

A Busy Month

It's for real, now. We are here, in a foreign land, by ourselves. Well, not really because we know that God is with us. There is also a great fellowship of God's people here and they are so helpful. Yet, the Wheelers flew back to the U.S. on March 12th. When we arrived to the Philippines, January 9th, the Wheelers were already here. We stayed with them for one month while we looked for housing. Our time with them was very special and equally educational. They helped us understand all the "little" things that would have taken us years to learn. We appreciate their kindness and helpfulness as we settled in this new country.

Soon after we found a house, our shipment arrived. We are thankful there were no major (only a few minor) damages incurred. We had enough time to get most everything unpacked and set up when the annual conference began.

We thank God for those who received the Holy Ghost and received strength during the conference. We had a tremendous victory with our first year foreign Bible School student from Vietnam whose name is Thu. She finally yielded to God and wanted to be baptized.

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"Are We Not Missionaries Anymore?"

After two months of taxi rides and being driven around in the mission's van, it was our first day driving our own van and we were going to church. In the back, strapped in their car seats were the two little ones. Carter suddenly asks a question that took us by surprise. "Are we not missionaries anymore?" His mom responded, "Yes baby, we are still missionaries." With a confused tone he said, "Because we know how to drive?"

Driving here in the Philippines is not for the faint of heart. They "play" by a different set of rules. At first, it seems like they have no

rules. But after a while, you start seeing a pattern emerge and you realize that amongst all the chaos, they have a code. I realized very soon the government here wasted money painting lines on the road. They are hardly a suggestion for these people weave in and out at will. It makes your head spin! Elder Wheeler's advice was, "just don't hit anybody, because they probably won't hit you." Well, so far so good. We are thankful to those who have given so that we could have reliable transportation. Oh, and yes, we are still missionaries!



A Busy Month continued...

This was great progress and we are rejoicing with her. She is the fruit of our efforts to reach into Southeast Asia.

Our American preachers this year were my Pastor, Elder Gary Howard of Tulsa, OK, and Pastor John Bullock of Vidor, TX. Pastor Bullock also brought his family and it was a treat to be with all of them, again. God used both of these men uniquely to minister directly to the needs of the people.

We were especially glad to see Pastor Howard. We thank God every day for our Pastor. His Godly wisdom has given us direction and strength many times throughout our calling and relocation. We really enjoyed being able to spend some time with him while he was here.

One of our main focuses right now is to organize and encourage the young people to work for God. Already we



have seen an increased burden among many of them and the local pastors are excited about the progress they are seeing. God being our helper, we will see a tremendous revival among our youth this year. God has opened many doors for us along the way. We can feel His guiding hand leading us as we lean upon Him.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support for our family and the work here in the Philippines. We are Laborers Together in this great harvest field. Truly, the harvest is plenteous. Please help us pray for laborers.

The Shorts

